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ON the 17th Instant the King sent, as is usual, some of the Senators, to invite the Deputies of the Provinces assembled at the Diet here, to come and join with his Majesty in the Senate-House, to the End the Resolutions they had taken in their own Chamber apart, might be passed into Laws by the Approbation of the whole Body of the Republick. The Deputies of the Provinces having for some Days before, had very warm Debates among themselves concerning Velt-Marshal Flemming's Command of the Polish Army, fell into new Debates upon this Message from the King, which lasted till towards One a-Clock on the 18th, when at length they resolved to comply with the King's Desire, but upon express Condition, that nothing should be spoke of on their Part in the Senate-House, till his Majesty had first declared from the Throne, that he was willing to have the Great Generals restored to their former Command of the whole Polish and Lithuanian Armies. Then they went and joined the Senate, but it being at such an unseasonable Hour, the King adjourned the Assembly to the 19th, at Ten in the Morning: When being met, the Marshal or Speaker of the Deputies of the Provinces, having in a Speech begged of the King, that he would be pleased to declare himself in such Manner in Relation to the Command of the Army, as might give them Satisfaction; his Majesty ordered his Great Chancellour to make a Declaration in his Name to this Purpose, That he was sorry to see the Heats and Animosities which had been raised among them about the Command of the Army; that nothing had been done in that Respect, but what was entirely conformable to the last Treaty of Pacification concluded at Warsaw, which they had all agreed to, and of which the good Effects had already been felt through the whole Country; however, that his Majesty to give them further Satisfaction, was now willing that some Commissioners might be named by the Senate, and some by the Deputies of the Provinces, who together with the Primate might consider of this Point of the Command of the Army, and that his Majesty would consent to whatever they should judge necessary for accommodating all Dispute about it. Notwithstanding this, a few of the Deputies who had contended against the rest for the Interests of the Great Generals, insisted obstinately upon a more satisfactory Declaration, before they would permit any of the Senators to speak. Thus Matters continued all the 19th. On the 20th they met again, and the refractory Deputies were with much Difficulty prevailed upon to suffer the Primate only to speak; which he having done without any Effect, they would not suffer any other Senator to second him, and so the Assembly broke up for that Day. On the 21st, they re-assembled; and after they had been a short Time together, four or five of the Deputies left the Assembly, by which they knew, that according to the Usages of this Kingdom, the further Proceedings of the Diet would be rendered void. It was hoped however they might be induced to return, and therefore the King adjourned the Diet to the 23d; having first thought fit to make another Declaration by his Chancellour, setting forth the Sincerity of his Desires and Endeavours to quiet the Minds of all Persons in relation to the Command of the Army, and that he could not doubt most of them were content with the Declaration which he had made on the 19th; however, since he found that some few were not yet satisfied, he was willing to tell them now further, that for several weighty Reasons of State, and which concerned the Security of his own Person, he could not entirely comply with what had been demanded of him in favour of the Great Generals; adding, that though it might not be fit to tell those Reasons in publick, yet he would make no Difficulty to communicate them to the Commissioners, whom the Senate and the Deputies of the Provinces should appoint, according to his former Proposition. Yesterday the Diet met the last Time; for the Deputies who had left it, persisting obstinately in their Resolution not to appear in it again, unless the King would absolutely comply with their Demands, there was nothing further to be done but to break up, which they did in this Manner, the Marshal or Speaker of the Deputies of the Provinces, made a very Pathetick Speech, wherein he bewailed the Fate of the Republick that would be thus exposed to new Troubles and Confusions by the selfish Views and Designs of a few private Persons, adding what a Concern it must be to all true Patriots to see that all that had been concerted in the Diet during these six Weeks past, should at last come to nothing: